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## FACULTY MAKES CHANGES IN CURRICULUM AND CALENDAR OF HOLIDAYS

Academy Courses and Teacher's Course Changed, While Holidays Get a Jolt

At a meeting of the Faculty on Friday of last week several important matters were decided upon. In compliance with the action of the Boards of Visitors in abolishing the Academy by reducing the number of courses each year for three years, the Faculty voted to drop all "A" courses with the one exception of Drawing A which is put in the second or "B" year. Physiology and Agriculture will not be given after this year and English History will fill their places. Education C was also taken from the curriculum and Manual Arts B put in place of it. The teaching force will remain as before except that the science assistants of the College will no longer have Academy work.

The Faculty took further action in changing the requirements for the Teacher's Diploma. Psychology I-II will not be required, and History I-II will be moved from the second to the first year to take its place. In place of the present Education I a three hour course in Educational Psychology will be given, and for Education II a four hour course in Elements of Management and Method will be substituted. In the Sophomore year of the language and history course Drawing II has been expanded to a three hour course but Manual Arts will not be required. For History I-II, moved to the first year, certain electives may be substituted. In the Science course Manual Arts, now a three hour course will be required, while Drawing II will not be given.

The question of holidays also received the attention of the Faculty with the following results. For next year the holidays of Yorktown Day and Jamestown Day have been abolished. The Thanksgiving holiday will be only one day, and for our present Easter holiday the one day of Good Friday will be given. To make up for this, however, the Christmas vacation will extend from December 18th to January 3rd, thus giving a full week before and a full week after Christmas day. All students upon leaving for the holidays will be required to register the dates

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## STATE APPROPRIATION CARRIES TOTAL OF \$62,500 FOR TWO YEARS

New Dormitory to be Built and Summer Session is Assured

After some debate over the request from the board of visitors of William and Mary for a larger appropriation, the legislature decided to fix the total appropriation at \$62,500. This sum is for the fiscal year ending February 28, 1917. Furthermore the legislature decided that the same sum should be given to the college for the year ending February 28, 1918.

The sum of money received is to be divided according to the different needs of William and Mary. It is understood that \$45,000 of the amount given is to be used for regular expenses. This is an increase of \$5,000 over the usual annual amount. The increase is to provide for an adjunct professor in education and assistants in the departments of chemistry and modern languages.

Because of this the faculty is considering adding more courses to the curriculum, several new courses in education and one in agriculture will probably be given, besides a higher course in chemistry. These subjects will be taught regularly as the yearly appropriation has been raised to \$45,000 indefinitely.

Of the remaining funds \$15,00 for each of the two years are to be used "for building a dormitory and for general improvements." It is probable that the whole sum of \$30,000 will be used for the construction of a new dormitory, which will be built next summer. William and Mary will be the only college in the state having a dormitory built at that time.

Finally the bill provided \$2,500 for summer school this year and the same sum for the summer school in 1917.

### ACADEMY BASEBALL

The call for candidates for the Academy team was issued by Capt. "Monk" Ellis last Monday and those who responded were put to work cleaning off the diamond. A few days later suits were issued and regular practice started, but the cold weather has stopped things for a time. When interviewed by a Flat Hat representative Coach Hubbard said, "I have one good pitcher in Ellis, and Murphy will hold down his regular position in the field. The

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## FIVE LETTER MEN ANSWER FIRST CALL FOR BASEBALL CANDIDATES

Ray Addington to Help Get Men in Shape Cold Weather Slows up Work

Baseball has made its entrance upon the stage of athletics and the Indians are busy getting ready for the national pastime season with fair prospects. Practice commenced in earnest last Monday and Cary Field is covered every afternoon with fifty-seven varieties of ball players. Some show "bush league" form; some display some of the Indian championship style; and perhaps a future big leaguer may be found among the aspiring number of candidates. Touches of spring have come and the young man's thoughts naturally turn to baseball as well as other attractions.

Ray Addington, a veteran of three seasons, will assist Dr. Draper in the coaching. The "Hoosier" is an all-round baseballer, having occupied the box his first year on the team, playing second on the championship nine of 1914, and covering the initial sack last spring. His batting was always good and his aid should be a big factor in turning out a winning nine.

Five letter men are back, "Big Chief" Garnett, the champion twirler, captains the nine; Newton, for two years the guardian of the left pasture, will fill his same position; "Ranky" Heflin, will again be stationed at the hot corner; and Combs and Zehmer, catchers, are both bidding for the backstop position.

Some of the new material looks fair. M. H. Williams, a former captain and first baseman of Fork Union, seems to be capable of holding down the initial sack as a regular. The manner in which he handles the bat gives promise of his willow work being heard from this season. Johnson, W. from Deep Creek, is trying for second. Ellis, of Fork Union, and Forehand, of Deep Creek, are bidding for outfield positions. Clay, an infielder from Southwest Virginia, has the earmarks of a ball player. Spencer, of the Academy last year, is also bidding strong for the outfield.

From the second team last year there are H. P. Williams, shotstop, who will probably be a regular this

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## DR. J. C. METCALF DELIVERS INTERESTING LECTURE ON BRET HARTE

Gordon-Hope of Sigma Upsilon, Prepares a Very Delightful Evening

Dr. J. C. Metcalf, professor of English and Dean of Richmond College, gave a very interesting lecture on "Bret Harte and the Western Short Story," last Friday evening in Chapel under the auspices of Sigma Upsilon. Mr. W. D. Harris, president of the local chapter presided, and the speaker was introduced with a few fitting remarks by Dr. J. S. Wilson. "About three months ago," said Dr. Metcalf, "since I was tired of the European war and its writers, I turned to American literature and found solace in studying and writing up Bret Harte."

Dr. Metcalf went on to say that the great American novel and the great American poem have yet to be written but that the great American short story has already been written as one can see by reading a volume of O. Henry or the works of Bret Harte. While the American short story may be in some respects inferior to others yet it possesses that essential characteristic which elevates it above others, namely, originality. Among the best western short story writers he mentioned Bret Harte, Jack London and Stewart Edward White.

In taking up the life of Bret Harte, Dr. Metcalf brought out clearly his environment and the conditions of the country into which he was thrown, and of which he was later to write. Bret Harte like Mark Twain learned the life of the West by actual experience but in writing he adopted a different plan. He pictures the country and people of the California gold fever days; the rough and ready and bronzed giants who though fierce and cruel looking, possessed that grim humor which has given Harte's writings a unique position in American fiction. Bret Harte's heroes were made for the short story, for "they are men of whom we would tire in a long novel," said Dr. Metcalf.

Several incidents in the stories of Bret Harte were brought up by the speaker, and he made the evening the more enjoyable with numerous quotations from the stories and poems of the Western writer.

Immediately after the lecture the

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### THE NEW DORMITORY.

William and Mary has received the much needed appropriation for a new dormitory and it is expected that by September it will be ready for occupancy. The location has not yet been decided upon, but the choice seems to lie between the corner on the south side of College Avenue and a site on the Campus, most naturally bearing the same relation to the Gymnasium as the Library bears to Science Hall.

To place a building off the Campus is to lose it. The congestion of buildings on the south side of the Jamestown road makes no pleasing appearance to attract the eyes of visitors and friends, and a new dormitory would soon be absorbed by the group. On the campuses of most colleges are found the dormitories, and another one on our campus will be in its proper place and a sight for the tired eyes of visiting Alumni.

A dormitory is more than a building thrown together, with necessary partitions to make the required number of rooms. There is a certain type for the dormitory, one outstanding feature being a lobby or reception room. Our building will stand for years to come, and should be the last word in dormitory construction. The way to obtain the best is to examine the modern dormitories of a number of large colleges and univer-

sities, and combine the best points of each so as to meet our own conditions.

Then a contractor, who has been awarded the building contract after bids have been received, with the plans before him that can be drawn after such consideration as mentioned above, can build a dormitory that will do honor to our campus and be a building to which for years we may point with pride.

In another column will be found an account of the action of the faculty in abolishing all "A" work in the Academy. Next year the "B" classes will follow the same road. In other words, the Academy entrance requirements are being raised, and to such an extent that there will be no Academy in three years. We call the attention of the students and friends of William and Mary to this, with the hope that they may know of someone intending to enter the Academy. A glance at the facts will indicate the necessity of entering next year and of thus advising the prospective student. After next year it will possibly be too late, and a William and Mary man will be lost.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Board of Visitors will meet on Wednesday to arrange for the expenditure of the State appropriation.

Mr. J. K. Early was in Richmond, Friday and Saturday of last week.

It is good to see the tennis courts at last being put in shape.

Underground wires have been laid from Science Hall to Chapel in order that direct current may be had for the operation of the projection lantern in Chapel.

The last pictures for the annual were taken last week, and it will be only a few more days before the printers have all the material for the 1916 Echo.

The Senior collars don't seem to be so much in favor after the first two or three Chapel mornings, but perhaps they are in the laundry now.

"The Tja" a semimonthly from Harrisonburg, Va. High School is a new exchange added to our list.

Mr. F. D. Goodwin visited in Williamsburg last week.

The Army had better get busy. It is announced that Barrett of Cornell, Lake and Scott of Lafayette, and Welch, Starke, and Grant of Pennsylvania are to enter the Naval Academy. This array of football talent will overshadow the mighty Oliphant, and give Navy supporters a right to look forward to the 1916 season.

There is a movement on foot to establish the Honor System at Delaware College. Student government has just been adopted by the student body of this college.

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In all forms of athletic games there are certain qualities which go to make up the athletic stock in trade. The factors necessary in the individual are strength, spirit, skill, agility, athletic instinct and experience. These constitute the unit strength, and the more nearly an individual has the maximum efficiency in them the better material there is for combining in a group game such as Basketball.

A good Basketball team ought to demonstrate: First, team play, each member doing his share, and working all as one, and one as all. Second, balance, by which is meant having the ability to show a good offense and an adequate defense. Third, consistency. A team having the former two qualities will usually possess the latter and this is revealed by the evidence of a number of games.

The League series for this year proved that the teams followed out what the preliminary games had indicated, viz, that they were well matched in ability and that in most of the contests it was anyone's game until the time-keeper's whistle was blown.

Hampden Sidney showed the lack of a proper place to practice. Every man worked hard, but they were unable to maintain enough consecutive team play.

Richmond College was a little weak in the center position. As a result they were not able to start their plays with an even chance. An injury to one of the best players also handicapped their prospects.

Randolph-Macon played an active, vigorous game. They emphasized the use of clever passing and played well together. At critical times, when goals were needed, they occasionally showed a weakness in locating the basket.

William and Mary played the more consistent games, especially so on foreign floors. In spite of a small practice floor she showed to good advantage on the larger floors, particularly in Richmond. They were not the fastest team, but at the right time located the basket, and after all it is the team which locates the basket most accurately that wins.

In attempting to pick one from the squad of approximately twenty five men who constituted the League teams, it is but fair to state that some of the players on other than the home team showed to great or less advantage in three other games. I have carefully gone over the records, and estimated each man's ability, offensively and defensively, as played against us. Keeping in mind the factors mentioned in the beginning, the following two teams

would prove good ones, with odds slightly in favor of the first mentioned five:

Zion, W. M. forward Wood, R. C.  
Finney, R. M. " L Cosby, R. C.  
Gayle, W. M. center Scott, R. M.  
Brittingham,

R. M. Guard Stryker, W. M.  
Scott, R. M. " Murry, H. S.

Scott, although he was played at center, because of the lack of a taller man, logically fills a guard's position and is also a most consistent foul goal thrower. Stryker comes very close to being one of the best and will be with more experience.

Jones, W. M. and Pendleton, H. S., would prove capable substitutes as forwards, guards or even at the center position, should it prove necessary.

### COLLEGE COMMENT

Percy D. Haughton will again be the football Czar at Harvard. He has been elected director of football for 1916.

The University of Pennsylvania is now offering a course in hieroglyphics.

The co-ordinate college bill was at last defeated in the house of delegates by two votes, the same majority by which it passed the senate.

The Medical School of Cambridge University, England, is the only department with enough students to run, and for the first time in over one thousand years the University is about to close.

Seventy-three men have been indicted for hazing by the student Court of University of Wisconsin.

The enrollment at Columbia University is over 17,000.

Nine seniors and three Juniors have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Lawrence College, Wisconsin. Eight of the twelve are girls.

Then at Cornell we find seventy-five per cent, of the Seniors considering the Honor System inefficient.

They do things at the University of Kansas. Recently one of the professors returned from his honeymoon trip, and at the first rollcall received the the "congratulations" of each student as his name was called from the roll. - Ex.

The captain of the University of Texas baseball team has only one arm.

Yale is soon to have an aerial corps in connection with her new military battalion.

Only highest scholarship men can now enter the Graduate school of Princeton.

The University of Texas is to have a domestic science course for the men students.

Coach Reiss, of Randolph-Macon, in "The Yellow Jacket Weekly," picks Zion, Gayle and Stryker as three of the nine best basketball players in the Eastern Virginia Association.

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of their departures in the registrar's office, and dates of their returns must also be registered. Each absence from lecture incurred by leaving before the vacation begins or by a delayed return will count as two absences, and for each extra day of holiday taken, there will be a fine of one dollar. Only extraordinary excuses will be accepted.

All these changes will appear in the next issues of the catalogs of the College and of the Academy.

## FIVE LETTER MEN ANSWER FIRST CALL FOR BASEBALL CANDIDATES

season. Geddy and Moncure, who will make some one hustle for the outer gardens. "Red" James, who is out for second, and "Pete" James, a pitcher, who hurled some splendid games last year during the exhibition series.

## DR. J. C. METCALF DELIVERS INTERESTING LECTURE ON BRET HARTE

members of the Gordon-Hope Chapter of Sigma Upsilon with their invited guests went to the Library where a delightful informal reception was given in honor of Dr. Metcalf.

## ACADEMY BASEBALL

rest of the team will have to be made up of new men. What I am looking for is the man who can hit. Of the new men, Garber, Crigler, Carson, Moore, Brewer and Gruver are showing up well, while Burford, Lemon and Mattox of last year's squad are working hard. We can't expect to make a very good showing in the earlier games, because it will take some time to get the new material in shape. There is a squad of about thirty men out and doubtless there is potential ability in some that has not been displayed in the few days we have practiced."

## Y. M. C. A. NOTES

"The Spiritual Man" was the subject of an address made by Dr. Goodwin last Thursday night before the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Goodwin has given a series of three lectures, taking as the subject of each the three phases of the Y. M. C. A. work, namely, Mind, Body and Spirit.

"Evolution," said the speaker, "is the philosophy of today. At the pinnacle of the evolutionary process stands Christ, whose life is the pattern by which all men should shape their lives. Christ taught men to love God and their fellow men,

and died on the Cross to save us. Should not we try to follow his life as best we can?"

Sandwiches are now being sold through the dormitories at night by the Y. M. C. A. to help raise some much needed funds. The fellows have bought these "life savers" greedily. The attendance at the weekly meetings has also increased and the outlook for the Y. M. C. A. is very bright. Lend a hand fellows and keep the good work going.

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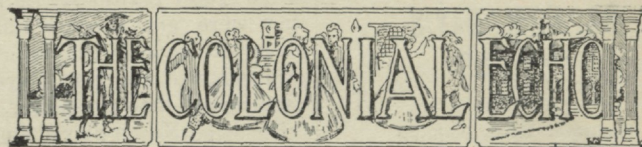
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